

Missouri Department of Conservation

Missouri Hunting and Trapping Digest 1980-81



1980 Waterfowl Point System

Point Values by Species

100 Points

Canvasback
(Mississippi River
from Iowa line to
Alton Dam closed
to Canvasbacks)

70 Points

Redhead
Female Mallard
Wood Duck
Black Duck
Hooded Merganser

25 Points

Male Mallard
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead
Goldeneye
Ruddy Duck
Old Squaw
Scoters

10 Points

Wigeon
Pintail
Gadwall
Shoveler
All Teal
Scaup
Merganser (other
than hooded)

Coots — 15 daily with 30 in possession.

Daily duck limit is achieved when a duck bag reaches or exceeds 100 points with the last duck taken. Possession limit is double the daily bag.

1. Ducks and coots:

North zone: October 18 - October 22 &
November 1 - December 15

South zone: November 1 - December 15 &
December 26 - December 30

North zone is north of a line running from Missouri-Kansas border along U.S. Hwy. 54 to the junction of U.S. Hwy. 65, along U.S. Hwy 65 to the junction of Mo. Hwy. 32, along Mo. Hwy. 32 to its junction with Mo. Hwy. 72 in Dent County, along Mo. Hwy. 72 to its junction with Mo. Hwy. 34, along Mo. Hwy. 34 to its junction with the Missouri - Illinois border.

South zone is remainder of Missouri.

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset shooting hours in both zones.

2. Geese:

One-half hour before sunrise to sunset shooting hours. Opening day November 1 except for Canada geese in Lower Mississippi Zone. No shipping. The aggregate limit is 5 daily with the following restrictions for Canada geese and White-fronted geese.

A. Canada Geese

1. Swan Lake: November 1 - January 9, 1981, unless quota of 20,000 birds is reached before January 9. 10 shell limit. One Canada daily November 1 - November 23. From November 24 to season closure, the daily bag limit will be 2 Canadas.

2. Lower Mississippi: December 2 - January 20. Two Canadas daily.

3. White River Lakes and Joplin Zones closed to taking Canada geese.

4. Remainder of State: November 1 - December 15. Two Canadas daily.

B. Blues, Snows and White-fronted: November 1 - January 9.

1. Daily bag limit is 2 White-fronted geese statewide. The possession limits for all species are twice the daily bag limit. The aggregate possession limit is 10.

Steel Shot Requirements

Possession or use of shotshells loaded with shot other than steel shot, as required by federal regulation and concurred in by the Conservation Commission, is prohibited while hunting waterfowl on the following areas:

Swan Lake Wildlife Area
Duck Creek Wildlife Area (Mingo wade-in pool only)
Ted Shanks Wildlife Area

Contingent on final Congressional action, steel shot requirements may be enforced on certain other lands. Such federal action, if taken, will be widely announced.

Summary of Federal Regulations

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. **NOTICE**—The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal Regulations, which may be found in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

RESTRICTION. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- From or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame bird from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By driving, rallying, or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters.
- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

CLOSED SEASON. No person shall take migratory game birds during the closed season.

SHOOTING OR HAWKING HOURS. No person shall take migratory game birds except during the hours open to shooting and hawking as prescribed.

DAILY BAG LIMIT. No person shall take in any one day more than one daily bag limit.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

WANTON WASTE. All migratory game birds killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

TAGGING. No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

No person or business shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS. Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

DRESSING. No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a commercial preservation facility.

SHIPMENT. No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (a) the name and address of the person sending the birds, (b) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and (c) the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION. For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required above), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP. The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and over must carry on his person a valid Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or duck stamp, signed in ink across the face.

DUAL VIOLATION. Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 45, Twin Cities, MN 55111. Telephone (612) 725-3530.

Furbearer Regulations

Hunting Seasons and Methods

3CSR10-7.450 Furbearers: Hunting Seasons, Methods.

Striped skunk, spotted skunk, raccoon, opossum, badger, gray fox, red fox, bobcat, and weasel may be taken by hunting from sunrise, Nov. 20 to midnight, Jan. 5 next

thereafter provided that bobcat may be taken only in that part of the state south of Interstate Highway 70. Pelts of such furbearers may be possessed, transported and sold by hunters only from Nov. 20 to Jan. 15 next thereafter except that pelts of bobcats shall be delivered by the taker thereof to an agent of the commission in the county of harvest or an adjacent county for tagging. The skull or head of each bobcat shall be surrendered to the commission at the time of tagging. It shall be illegal to purchase or sell untagged bobcat pelts. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year. Coyotes may be taken by hunting, possessed, transported and sold in any numbers throughout the year. No furbearer may be hunted with firearms from a boat at night or taken with the aid of an electronic call at night. The dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

Trapping Seasons and Methods

3CSR10-8.505 Trapping.

The taking of furbearers by trap is limited to residents of Missouri having a trapping permit. No trapper shall accept payment for furbearers taken by another person.

3CSR10-8.510 Use of Traps.

Traps shall be metal traps with smooth jaws only, chain traps, and live traps, but shall not include pitfalls, deadfalls, snares, nets and colony traps. Traps shall be plainly labeled, on durable material, with the user's name and address and shall be attended daily. Traps may not be set in paths made or used by persons or domestic animals. No killer or Conibear-type trap with a jaw spread greater than five (5) inches shall be used in any dry land set, but such traps may be set under water. Homes, dens or nests of furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

3CSR10-8.515 Furbearers: Trapping Seasons.

(1) Raccoon, opossum, weasel, striped and spotted skunk, badger, gray fox, red fox, bobcat, mink and muskrat may be taken in any numbers by trapping from Dec. 1 to Jan. 5 provided that bobcat may be taken only in that part of the state south of Interstate Highway 70. Beaver may be taken in any number by trapping from Dec. 1 to Feb. 15. Coyote may be taken in any number by trapping from Nov. 1 to Feb. 15. Traps may not be set before sunrise on the opening day and must be removed by midnight of the last day of the trapping season. Pelts of such furbearers may be possessed, transported and sold by trappers only from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15 except that pelts of beaver may be possessed, transported and sold by trappers from Dec. 1 to Feb. 25, and pelts of coyotes may be possessed, transported and sold by trappers from Nov. 1 to Feb. 25. Pelts of bobcats shall be delivered by the taker thereof to an agent of the commission in the county of harvest or an adjacent county for tagging. The skull or head of each bobcat shall be surrendered to the commission at the time of tagging. It shall be illegal to purchase or sell untagged bobcat pelts. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year.

The issuance of a hunting or trapping permit does not authorize trespassing on private lands. Remember that your behavior reflects on all hunters and trappers. Respect the rights of private landowners.

Bobcat Hunters and Trappers

Bobcat seasons will be open in 1980-81. All successful bobcat hunters and trappers must submit the bobcat pelt to an agent of the commission for tagging and must surrender the skull (head) of the bobcat to the commission at the time of tagging. The skulls are needed for the Department's continuing research on bobcats and will be used to determine the age of each animal. Conservation agents in open counties or adjacent counties will tag bobcats and accept skulls on appointment basis. In addition, some Department field offices will tag pelts and accept skulls from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday.

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	Opens	Closes	Bag Limit (Daily-Possession)
Deer (gun)	Nov. 15	Nov. 23	1/season
Deer (archery)	Oct. 1 Nov. 24	Nov. 14 Dec. 31	1/season
Turkey (fall archery)	Oct. 1 Nov. 24	Nov. 14 Dec. 31	1/season (either sex in open counties)
Turkey (fall shotgun)	Oct. 20	Nov. 2	1/season (either sex in open counties)
Rabbits (cottontail, swamp)	Oct. 1	Feb. 15	6-12
Jackrabbits	No open season		
Squirrels	Aug. 1	Dec. 31	6-12
Quail	Nov. 10	Dec. 31	6-12
Doves	Sept. 1	Oct. 30	10-20
Pheasants (in legal zones)	Nov. 10	Dec. 31	1-2 (male only)
Sora & Virginia rails	Sept. 1	Nov. 9	25-25
Woodcock	Oct. 1	Dec. 4	5-10
Common snipe	Oct. 1	Dec. 4	8-16
Bullfrogs	June 30	Oct. 31	8-8
Crows	Nov. 1	March 3	Unlimited
Coyote & Groundhog	No closed season		Unlimited
*Furbearers (hunting)	Nov. 20	Jan. 5	Unlimited
*Furbearers (trapping)	Dec. 1	Jan. 5	Unlimited
Beaver (trapping)	Dec. 1	Feb. 15	Unlimited
Coyote (trapping)	Nov. 1	Feb. 15	Unlimited
Teal	Sept. 13	Sept. 21	4-8
Ducks (North zone)	Oct. 18 Nov. 1	Oct. 22 Dec. 15	Point system
Ducks (South zone)	Nov. 1 Dec. 26	Dec. 15 Dec. 30	Point system
Geese (except Canada geese in Lower Missis- sippi zone - opens Dec. 2)	Nov. 1	Varies	Read this leaflet for details.

*Read this leaflet for details or consult your local conservation agent or the Wildlife Code.

Hunting and trapping permits expire on December 31 of each year. Current year's Federal and State waterfowl hunting stamps are valid throughout the waterfowl season.